

<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	09/753,726	OKADA ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
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**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the Examiner's amendment filed.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3, 7-15, 17-21, 24-33 and 35-43.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on \_\_\_\_\_ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
  1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

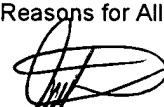
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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.  
**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  6. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).**
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                                                    | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)            |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                                | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment                    |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br>of Biological Material          | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance   |
|                                                                                                                     | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____.                                               |

  
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### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. This office action is in response to the amendment filed on September 20, 2004, in which claims 1-3, 7-15, 17-21, 24-33 and 35-45 are presented for further examination.

### ***Response to Arguments***

2. Applicant's arguments filed on September 20, 2004, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 1-3, 7-15, 17-21, 24-33 and 35-43 under 35 U.S.C 103 have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn.

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Stephen J. Manetta (Reg. No 40,426) on January 21, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

Please cancel claims 44 and 45 without prejudice.

Replace claim 18 with

18. A distributed client/server database system comprising:  
a server including said automatic work standard setting system; and a plurality of clients each having said setting unit of claim 1

***Information Disclosure Statement***

4. The information disclosure statement (IDS) filed on June 25, 2004 complies with the provisions of M.E.P. ' 609. It has been placed in the application file. The information referred to therein has been considered as to the merits.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

5. Claims 1-3, 7-15, 17-21, 24-33 and 35-43 are allowable in light of the Applicant's arguments and in light of the prior art made of record (See PTO. 892 and 1449).

***Reason for Indicating Allowable Subject Matter***

6. The following is an examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance:

The present application has been thoroughly reviewed. Upon extensive and exhaustive searches of various databases (see search notes in case jacket), the examiner respectfully submits that the claimed feature "a setting unit adapted to, for each of target work standards to which manhours are to be given, match an expression of target work standard with the standard expressions of the work standards in said standard manhour database and set a link to a graphic file corresponding to a matching work standard and a standard manhour, as a manhour of the target work standard, corresponding to the matching work standard in said database, wherein said setting unit preferentially executes a search based on complete matching between the expression of the target work standard and the standard expression of the work standard in said standard manhour database and a search based on partial matching for the target work standard for which the search based on complete matching to the standard expression of the work standard in said standard

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manhour database fails; and “a visualizing unit adapted to download directories of the downloadable work standards from the external database and display the directories and a selection unit adapted to select an arbitrary one of the displayed directories thereby selecting the target work standard to which the manhour is to be given, wherein said visualizing unit downloads upper directories to said automatic work standard setting system together with the directories of the downloadable work standards and displays the downloaded work standard directories and upper directories together” in combination with all other limitations of the dependent and independent claims would not found anticipated or obvious over the prior art made of record (see PTO-892, 1449). Therefore, the pending claims 1-3, 7-15, 17-21, 24-33 and 35-43 are hereby allowed.

7. Since allowable subject matter has been indicated, applicant is encouraged to submit formal drawings in response to this Office action. The early submission of formal drawings will permit the Office to review the drawings for acceptability and to resolve any informalities remaining therein before the application is passed to issue. This will avoid possible delays in the issue process.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance".


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*Conclusion*

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jean M Corrielus whose telephone number is (571) 272-4032. The examiner can normally be reached on 10 hours shift.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Breene can be reached on (571) 272-4107. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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